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Identical letters dated 2 June 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

The Government of Jordan rejects the spurious allegations set out in the identical letters dated 25 May 2015 from the Permanent Representative of the Syrian Arab Republic to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council (A/69/912-S/2015/371). Jordan once again calls on the Syrian regime to focus on safeguarding the lives of its people and to support efforts aimed at achieving a political solution to the crisis in Syria. The Syrian regime should also respect the relevant resolutions of the Security Council and cooperate with the United Nations and its competent agencies in order to address the tragic humanitarian conditions in Syria, instead of levelling accusations at Jordan, which continues to stand resolutely with the Syrian people. Since the crisis began, Jordan has been hosting 1.5 million Syrian refugees, notwithstanding its limited capacities and resources, and despite having to contend with the repercussions of many of the conflicts in the region. Jordan has also been constantly striving to find a political solution to the crisis in Syria that preserves the country's territorial integrity, and to alleviate the suffering that the Syrian people have endured over the past years.

Jordan rejects the false claims made regarding the causes of the spread of terrorism in Syria and reiterates its unwavering commitment to counter the scourge of terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, regardless of who is responsible for it, because terrorism is contrary to all religious and moral precepts and values. Jordanian institutions will continue to follow an integrated approach in responding to terrorism, including by scaling up their efforts and constantly coordinating and consulting with various regional and international stakeholders in order to consolidate stability and security in the region. The Syrian regime is exploiting a variety of United Nations platforms to promote its misleading and fantastical

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narrative regarding the reasons for the spread of terrorism in Syria. Such conduct is contrary to the noble purposes and principles on which the Organization was founded. Should the Syrian regime persist in that conduct and continue its barbaric attacks against its own people, in all its components, then terrorism will undoubtedly intensify in Syria, bearing in mind that it was the regime's practices that gave rise to terrorism in the first place. We therefore reiterate that the international community must deal firmly with the Syrian regime in order to ensure compliance with the relevant Security Council resolutions, including resolutions 2139 (2014), 2165 (2014), 2191 (2014) and 2199 (2015); the resolutions of the General Assembly, including resolution 69/189; and international humanitarian law and human rights principles.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the sixty-ninth session of the General Assembly, under agenda items 68 (c) and 107, and of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Dina **Kawar**
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